



BURLINGTON POLICE DEPARTMENT

Antonio B. Pomerleau Building
1 North Avenue
Burlington, Vermont 05401

Brandon del Pozo
Chief of Police

Phone (802) 658-2704
Fax (802) 865-7579
TTY/TDD (802) 658-2700

MEDIA RELEASE

INCIDENT TYPE:	DATE/TIME REPORTED:	
Retail Theft	September 12, 2015	
INCIDENT NUMBER:	LOCATION:	
15BU32626	Burlington, VT	
INVESTIGATOR:	INVESTIGATOR CONTACT:	
Officer James Wu # 322	802-540-2332	
AUTHOR:	APPROVED BY:	
Sgt. Paul Petralia # 147	Lt. Paul Glynn # 163	
SUSPECT	AGE:	SUSPECT ADDRESS:
Patricia Gorton	41	Grand Isle, VT
SUSPECT	AGE:	SUSPECT ADDRESS:
Nicole Stowell	27	Colchester, VT
SUSPECT DISPOSITION:		
Gorton and Stowell were lodged for lack of bail		

NARRATIVE:

On the afternoon of November 12, 2015, members of the Burlington Police Department responded to Macy's located at the Burlington Town Center for a reported Retail Theft in progress. Upon arrival, Officers encountered two females, Patricia Gorton (age 41 of Grand Isle) and Nicole Stowell (age 27 of Colchester), actively engaged in a retail theft scheme. Investigation revealed that the women had gone to the department store to steal jackets and had done so the previous day as well. As part of their scheme, one of the females would enter the store and select numerous jackets and place them near the exit while the other female waited outside in a vehicle. After selecting the jackets and staging them, the other female would enter the store and take the jackets and then abruptly leave without paying for the merchandise. Officers found that the vehicle that the women were using had a license plate that was not assigned to the vehicle covering the vehicle's assigned plate in an attempt to avoid detection from law enforcement. The value of the jackets that the females stole the previous day was over \$700 and the value of the jackets that the females attempted to steal on this date was over \$1,000. Gorton and Stowell were both arrested and subsequently lodged at the Chittenden Regional Correctional Center for lack of bail.

Respect ~ Honor ~ Remember

*Officer James P. McGrath, end of watch May 12, 1904; Officer J. Albert Fisher, end of watch December 15, 1947;
Officer Robert W. Provost, end of watch January 13, 1954*

Gorton's criminal history includes 3 felony convictions, 12 misdemeanor convictions, and 3 failures to appear at court proceedings. Additionally, Gorton has two Retail Theft cases pending in the Vermont Superior Court – Criminal Division.

Stowell's criminal history includes 1 felony conviction, five misdemeanor convictions, and 1 failure to appear at a court proceeding. Additionally, Stowell is currently on probation and has multiple Retail Theft and False Pretenses cases pending against her.



Respect ~ Honor ~ Remember
Officer James P. McGrath, end of watch May 12, 1904; Officer J. Albert Fisher, end of watch December 15, 1947;
Officer Robert W. Provost, end of watch January 13, 1954